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SUBJECT: POLICY RE US ISRAELI ACTIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. DURING DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, MARCH 14, QUAI
ARAB- ISRAEL DESK OFFICER BITARD ON PERSONAL BASIS ASKED EMBOFF
ABOUT US POLICY CONCERNING OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IN LIGHT
DECEMBER 8 UNGA RESOLUTION CALLING ON UN MEMBERS TO REFRAIN
FROM SUPPORT ISRAELI EFFORTS TO MODIFY STATUS QUO IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. BITARD SAID HE KNEW USG HAD ABSTAINED ON RESOLUTION
AND INQUIRED WHETHER THIS MEANT USG DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF
BOUND BY IT. BITARD SAID REASON FOR HIS INFORMAL INQUIRY WAS
RECENT ALLEGED USG DECISION TO PROVIDE \$50 MILLION OT FACILITATE
RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET JEWS IN ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO FRENCH
INFORMATION, VIRTUALLY ALL BUILD NOS END FENITCTIES OSLD BE IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THUS, HE SAID, USG WOULD BE FACILITATING
CREATION OF NEW FAITS ACCOMPLIS WHICH NOT ONLY CONTRARY TO UN
RESOLUTION BUT WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE SEARCH FOR OVERALL
SETTLEMENT.

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2. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THAT RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET JEWS WOULD BE PRIMARILY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY. EMBOFF NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN UNGA DEBATE AMB. BUSH HAD MADE CLEAR USG OPPOSITION TO OPERATIVE PARA 8 RELATING TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BECAUSE IT IGNORED RELATIONSHIP UNDER RESOLUTION 242 BETWEEN WITHDRAWAL AND TERMS OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON CURRENT USG POLICY RE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND USE OF US ECONOMIC AID BY ISRAEL IN THESE AREAS.
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